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PROJECT CEASEFIRE  
**KC, INDEPENDENCE, ST. JOSEPH RESIDENTS INDICTED  
FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS, AMMUNITION**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that 11 Kansas City, Independence and St. Joseph residents were indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegally possessing firearms and ammunition. Today's indictments, Graves said, are part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

\* **Richard M. Davis**, 64, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Davis** was in possession of a Cobray 9 mm semi-automatic assault weapon on Aug. 17, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Davis** has two 1998 criminal felony convictions for forgery and being a felon in possession of a firearm, two 1995 criminal felony convictions for theft and forgery and a 1982 criminal felony conviction for counterfeiting.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Joshua J. Flaughner**, 19, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with illegally possessing a firearm while subject to a court protection order restraining him from harassing, stalking or threatening his intimate partner.

The federal indictment alleges that **Flaughner** was in possession of a European American Armory .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol on Dec. 8, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who is subject to a court protection order to be in possession of a firearm.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Brian M. Garner**, 28, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Garner** was in possession of a Titan Tiger .38-caliber revolver on March 24, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Garner** has a 1999 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance and a 1998 criminal felony conviction for unlawful use of a weapon.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Charles L. Jacobs**, 19, of Independence, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Jacobs** was in possession of a Bryco Jennings .22-caliber pistol on Feb. 6, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any user or addict of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Jacobs** was an unlawful user of methamphetamine at the time he possessed the firearm.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Alvin J. Johnson**, 22, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of two firearms and ammunition.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Johnson** was in possession of a Glock .45-caliber pistol and a Smith and Wesson .40-caliber pistol on Jan. 30, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Johnson** has a 1999 criminal felony conviction for robbery and armed criminal action.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Johnson** was in possession of eight rounds of .45-caliber ammunition on Jan. 30, 2005.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was

investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Paul E. Johnson**, 40, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Johnson** was in possession of a Smith and Wesson .357-caliber revolver on Dec. 20, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any user or addict of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Johnson** was an unlawful user of methamphetamine at the time he possessed the firearm.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Calvin R. Manning, Jr.**, 20, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with illegally possessing a saw-off shotgun.

The federal indictment alleges that **Manning** was in possession of a Sears and Roebuck .410-gauge shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches on Oct. 26, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone to possess a shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches that is not registered to that person in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel M. Nelson. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Dana W. McCoy**, 35, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **McCoy** was in possession of a Colt .357-caliber revolver on Dec. 15, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **McCoy** has a 1991 criminal felony conviction for armed robbery on a military post.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Sean K. Owens**, 39, of St. Joseph, Mo., was charged in a three-count superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Owens** was a felon in possession of a Mossberg 12-gauge pistol-grip shotgun on Sept. 6, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Owens** has a 2000 criminal felony convictions for driving while intoxicated and a 1998 criminal felony conviction for unlawful use of a weapon.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Owens** was a felon in possession of a Colt Mark IV Gold Cup National Match semi-automatic pistol and a Heckler and Koch .308-caliber semi-automatic rifle on March 3, 2005.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Owens** was in possession of a Commando PWA AR-15 5.56 mm rifle on March 3, 2005, that had the capability of functioning as a fully-automatic weapon. Count Three also alleges that **Owens** was in possession of a Harrington and Richardson 12-gauge shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches that was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

**Owens** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 14, 2004. Today's superseding indictment replaces that original indictment, Graves said.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel M. Nelson. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Dentury D. Sallard**, 18, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm.

Count One of the indictment alleges that **Sallard** was an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a Smith and Wesson .38-caliber revolver on Jan. 27, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any user or addict of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Sallard** was an unlawful user of a controlled substance at the time he possessed the firearm.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Sallard** the Smith and Wesson .38-caliber revolver's serial number had been altered.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Blue Springs, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Celon S. Stokes**, 33, of Kansas City, Mo., also known as John Singletary, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Stokes** was in possession of a Cal Accu-Tek .380-caliber pistol on Dec. 1, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to

be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Stokes** has three 1996 criminal felony convictions for carrying a concealed weapon, being a felon in possession of a firearm and battery on a law enforcement officer, a 1994 criminal felony conviction for armed trafficking of cocaine, a 1991 criminal felony conviction for possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and a 1990 criminal felony conviction for possession of cocaine.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, the U.S. Marshal's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these indictments are simply accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

#### **Project Ceasefire**

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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